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1. FORNMIN SOURCE BRIEFED EMBOFF OCTOBER 17 ON RESULTS OF GENSCHER VISIT TO POLAND LAST WEEK. ALTHOUGH ECONOMIC TOPICS PLAYED A LARGE ROLE IN GENSCHER'S CONVERSATIONS, LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC ISSUES. SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT ON LONG-TERM ECONOMIC SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED, BUT ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT COVERING FACILITATION OF BUSINESS CONTACTS REMAINS TO BE NEGOTIATED. DISCUSSION IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL REFERS TO THIS ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT WHICH IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE POLISH INTEREST IN A FRG GATT STATEMENT AND GERMAN INTEREST IN FACILITATING BUSINESS CONTACTS WERE DISCUSSED BUT NEGOTIATIONS WERE PUT OFF UNTIL NOVEMBER.

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2. OTHER TOPICS: POLISH MADE THEIR USUAL PLEA FOR GREATER ACCESS TO GERMAN MARKET FOR THEIR TEXTILES, LEATHER AND CERAMICS. GENSCHER REITERATED GERMAN POSITION THAT BRUSSELS NOW HAS COMPETENCE FOR THESE TRADE MATTERS. DISCUSSIONS ON COAL WERE VERY BRIEF AND A WORKING GROUP WILL BE CONVENED LATER THIS YEAR TO EVALUATE THE PROSPECTS OF FUTURE COOPERATION. VISIT OF TOP POLISH INDUSTRIAL FUNCTIONARIES WAS DISCUSSED, AND VISIT WILL NOW TAKE PLACE LATER THIS YEAR. THE DATE FOR THE AUTUMN MIXED COMMISSION MEETING WAS LEFT OPEN WITH THE POLISH SIDE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR A DECEMBER MEETING.
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